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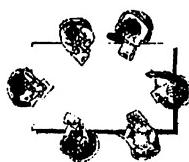
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BOD Meeting

The meeting was held October 1st at 7:30 p.m. with 5 members present.

Librarian Rich Scheu announced there will be an update of DOM tabs on the reverse side of our free December disk.



Treasurer Ed Hummel stated there is a balance of \$815.79.

There are 25 mem-

bers supporting the Club.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Joe McDevitt stated a need for Chairpersons for committees. Upcoming are the Elections and December Party and they each require a Chair.

The Yearly Treasury Audit was done Bob Small and Joe McDevitt. All records agree. Audit was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The October demo will "WHEELS" presented by Bob Small.

Our December Party will be on Dec. 10th and Bill Diamond is to be contacted to reserve the room.

The Post Office Box bill will be due in November and this will be paid. The Snow Flake Contest continues with rules in future issues of Keywords.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara McClaskey

A copy of the Annual Report and a Summary of the income and debits for the past fiscal year are included with this issue of Keywords to every member of CUGSL.

Meeting Notes

By Clara McClaskey

Our October General Meeting was held Oct. 8th., 7:30 p.m. with 11 members and 2 guests present.



The Secretary

Clara McClaskey announced the application for our meeting room has been entered in the Bridgeton Trails Library pool.

Treasurer Ed Hummel stated there is a balance of \$815.79.

Our membership remains at 25 people.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Joe McDevitt requested an additional Director for the upcoming election of officers. Our By-laws call for seven but we may have up to 10. Currently there are seven members on the Board.

The Swap Meet was not well attended. There was not much response from the outside community. Expenses for advertising and use of pavilion do not seem warranted. A short discussion on whether to continue having the Swap Meet followed with no resolution at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe McDevitt is still looking for a manual for the MPS 1200 printer. Contact him if you have one.

A reminder, the Snow Flake Contest is in full swing - your entry deadline is the November Meeting.

Two visitors were introduced: Bill Johnson and John Lewis. John Lewis became a member at the end of the meeting.

Janet Klus found it necessary to shut down the Keywords BBS during September. It should be up and running again by Oct. 11th.

Bob Small gave a demo of the program WHEELS. Bob seems very pleased with this addition to GEOS and we all got a laugh out of the names Maurice Randall has applied to his icons. Good work Bob. It is most evident you love WHEELS.

Raffle prizes were won by Nick Koschoff - Maxi Golf, by Steve Arnold - Home Banker and Manager, and by Joe McDevitt - Pole Position and Radar Rat Race.

GEOS

At the October meeting Bob Small gave a very good demo of WHEELS..... there were few members present.

Now might be a good time to bring GEOS back to the attention of CUGSL.

The following is a reprint from LUCKY REPORT. (edited) Taking a New Look at GEOS by Mark McInnis



Well, it's time to make some new changes, you people that are reading this and are not using GEOS as yet. Take out that copy of GEOS that has been gathering dust, and let's learn how to use it. When you get the program up and running you'll probably kick yourself for not getting to know GEOS better and sooner.

Let's start with disk management. There are three categories of GEOS disks. They are the Boot Disk, Application Disk, and the Work Disk. The boot disk is used to start GEOS only. The application disk contains your programs such as geoWrite and geoPaint. Your work disks are reserved for everyday use only and their content is determined by you the user.

GEOS can accommodate three drives, generally referred to as drives A, B, and C. They are graphically represented on the GEOS desktop as icons that resemble a floppy disk and appear on the right hand side of the screen. Keep in mind these icons represent physical disk drives on your systems. This includes only RAM drive and a RAM drive in not actually a floppy drive but it's handled the same as an actual drive. One exception is that any files in

the RAM drive will disappear when you turn off your compute unless the RAM drive has a battery backup or the files have been saved to a floppy disk.

There are three ways to open a disk:

1. Select OPEN from the disk menu (or press the C= key and the letter O).
2. Click on one of the disk drive icons at the right side of the screen.
3. Hold down the C= key and press the letter representing the disk drive you need.

Example: Press the C= key and the letter A.

Result:: the disk in drive A will open and you will be up and running fro whatever. Should you accidentally insert the disk into the disk drive wrong, then you will get one of those famous, "Operation canceled due to disk error: missing of unformatted disk" messages.

Don't worry about it unless your system has hung up and gone out to lunch. Simply reinsert the disk into the disk drive and try, try again. One word of caution. When a disk is open, do not remove it from the drive unless the dialog box prompts you to do so, or until you have properly closed the disk.

Otherwise, damage to the open files on the disk may occur. For example, removing a disk when a document is displayed will prevent any changes from being saved to the disk. To close a disk do one of two things. Select CLOSE from the file menu (or press the C= key and the letter C), or click on the close icon at the upper right corner of the disk note pad. the close icon is a small black rectangle inside a white rectangle. In order to rename the currently open disk, select rename from the disk menu (or press the C= key and the letter N).

At this point follow the screen prompts. If need be (and it probably will be) back space over the current disk name as much as is needed and type in the new name and press the return key. Remember: Don't give more than one disk the same name or you may confuse your little 8 bit friend and this would be a bad way to start off your computing with GEOS.

If you must use a certain name for more than one disk, you can call it by it's name and then the next disk the same with a added num-

ter. Example: disk name is MOWING and you then want a back-up of this disk, you can then call it MOWING 2 or MOWING BU and then you know exactly what the disks links to and the computer will also be able to tell that they are different disks.

CUGSL NOTE: Perhaps this reprint will give some of you the itch to dig out GEOS and give it another try.

A WARNING

Reprinted from C=H.U.G. Gazette

There are some unscrupulous people who will purchase a new electronic device, take it home and replace all or part of the insides with their older stuff. Then they return the product saying they've changed their minds.

To prevent being defrauded in this manner, be sure the item you buy has the factory tape still on the carton. Some people have started writing to manufacturers asking that a special seal be placed on each item that will show if it has been opened. This would prove the return of a computer, disk drive or any other item that had been tampered with.

Be wary of any carton that has been resealed. Explain to the salesperson that you want a factory sealed box or you won't purchase the item. And, should you hear some "friend" brag about replacing a part and then taking the device back be sure to speak up and tell him that is stealing, plain and simple!

December Party

As usual the December General Meeting will be our yearly party. For all members who have been participating in the monthly raffle the prize this year is a CMD 2mg 1750 REU. There will also be attendance prizes and a free December DOM which will have an update of the library DCMR on the reverse side.

All members and their guests are welcome but to be sure there will be enough refreshments we ask that you please contact any BOD member and let us know if you are coming and how many in your party. Any thing such as cookies, cake, candy or a covered dish would

be a help.

The party will be at the Bridgeton Community Center on Fee Fee Road, December 10 at 6:30 PM. A map will be in the December issue of Keywords.

Every year since we have had a party there has been a good turnout so.....

COME AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!

November DOM

ROCKBOOT 88/SEL

Here is a great timesaver if you're into playing Superrockfall. Filecopy this program to the disk with Superrockfall and use this loader instead of the usual loader and it will allow you to interrupt the game and go to any level without losing a life. Press 'RESTORE' then the level number you wish to go to. (You may not go directly to the same level you're on. To get to the same level, tap 'RESTORE', then another level. When it comes up tap 'RESTORE' again then the level you were on). This is a great timesaver if you want to practice your moves without waiting for the level to reload and running out of lives. Instructions are in the program. Also three more Rocklevels to try your nerves.

MUSIC THEORY

An educational program that can give you an insight into the basics of the language of music. Study this, get an air guitar, write a hit rock song and retire a millionaire.

DOUBLE SOLITAIRE

A switch on the great old game of solitaire. There are two decks which you play at the same time. One you build up from the Ace, the other you build down from the King. Instructions are in the program. Good luck!

ROCKSCISSORS

I guess everyone is familiar with this old game. Now you can play it against the computer. Instructions are in the program.

SWINTH

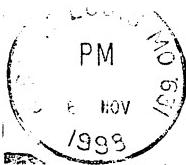
Constantly changing patterns on the screen and great music to accompany them. All under your control. Hit 'RUN/STOP' to get the menu screen. Makes a great screen saver, too.

SEQ 128

At last, something for our much neglected C128 users. Just another sequential file reader/printer, but this one has some surprising features. Requires 'Seq128' and 'reader.m1' files. Includes a doc file.

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